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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT IN HORTICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has launched any new scheme called Human Resource Development in Horticulture in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the assistance provided by the Union Government to various States including Maharashtra under the scheme, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): A scheme on Human Resource Development (HRD) in Horticulture was launched by the Government in the year 1999-2000 during IXth Five Year Plan for capacity building of farmers and horticulture field functionaries. However, with the launching of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in 2005-06 during the Xth Five Year Plan, the HRD scheme was subsumed in NHM scheme. This scheme is being implemented in 18 States and 3 Union Territories. Other States are covered under the Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) Scheme. Under these schemes, assistance is being provided for taking up training programme for Gardeners, Supervisors, Entrepreneurs, Farmers and technical staff/field functionaries.

(c): Details of financial assistance provided to different States during 2011-12 under NHM and HMNEH schemes is given in the statement at Annexure. A sum of Rs.2.20 crore was provided to Maharashtra State during the period.